GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:576
ANSWERED ON:31.08.2001
REVENUE CASES PENDING IN COURTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of revenue involving crores of rupees are pending with the courts;

(b) if so, the number of cases pending with the courts as on date alongwith the amount involved therein

(c) whether difficulties are being experienced in the recovery of dues because the cases are pending in the courts; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard and the efforts being made by the Government to remove the hurdles?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE. N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a)-(d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a)-(d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 576 FOR ANSWER ON 31ST AUGUST, 2001

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 30.6.2001, 8342 cases relating to central excise and customs were pending in various courts, involving an amount of Rs. 1382crore. In respect of income tax, 36055 cases were pending with the courts as on 31.03.2001, and the revenue involved in such cases as on 30.6.2001 was Rs. 1545 crore.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Wherever stays are granted by the courts, all efforts are made to get the stays vacated or for deciding the cases on priority basis. Steps are also taken to get the pending cases finalised by bunching of cases issue-wise/cases covered by earlier judgements of the Supreme Court/High Courts,and requesting the courts concerned for early hearing and one-time disposal of such cases. Continuous monitoring and coordination of the work relating to court cases is also undertaken, in collaboration with the legal agencies handling court cases on behalf of the Government.